

Who Will Rule?

1 Samuel 11:8-19

*God's Ruler sets himself apart from the human self-ruler
in three ways:*

1. *What the Ruler fears.*
2. *Who the Ruler loves.*
3. *The Result of their Reign.*

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT:

1. Is Saul's fear of David justified? Why or why not?
2. Do you think David was ever afraid during the course of events outlined in 1 Samuel 18-19? (read Psalm 56, especially verses 3-4 and 11).
3. What do you fear?
4. Who do you love? What (if anything) do you get in return for that love? What would you do if you stopped getting that return?
5. Share a time when you thought you were ruling over your life well, but it turned out that your rule resulted in damage to yourself, others, or the world around you. In what ways are you experiencing Jesus' rule in your life now? Are there any ways you still oppose his rule in your life?